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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 & 1.98

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a copy of an Supplementary Partial European Search Report in connection with an European Patent Application corresponding to the above-identified application. Also enclosed are copies of the documents cited in this Supplementary Partial European Search Report. Further enclosed is a Form, substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, listing the enclosed documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to a first Office Action on the merits in the above-identified application. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are satisfied.

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In any event, and noting that the date on the Communication transmitting the enclosed Supplementary Partial European Search Report to agents for Applicants is August 8, 2002, the following statement is made under 37 CFR 1.97(e)(1):

Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

To the extent that the enclosed documents are not in English, it is respectfully submitted that requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) are satisfied by the enclosed Supplementary Partial European Search Report, as well as the abstracts enclosed with Japanese Patent Document No. 9-295050 and No. 3-222715.

In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, in connection with all documents listed on the enclosed Form. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 648.40365X00), and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

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